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The following observations were made on the situation on both sides of the German-Polish border in the area of Fuerstenberg (O 53/V 71):

1. Soviet Zone German police were assigned to border control duties in the sector of Fuerstenberg-Ratzdorf (O 53/V 80). The guards, equipped with bicycles, continually controlled the border stretch between Fuerstenberg and Ratzdorf by two-man patrols accompanied by police dogs. In the wooded area south of Fuerstenberg along the Oder River, sentries were posted every 400 meters during the day. Other guards were not observed in the Fuerstenberg-Ratzdorf sector. No observation towers were on the German side of the border.
2. There were occupied observation posts, two to three kilometers apart, on the Polish side of the frontier. Only sporadic patrols were observed between these observation posts during the day. An observation post was seen near Ratzdorf opposite the mouth of the Reisse River. Soviet patrols were not observed on the Polish side of the border.
3. The Polish control station for traffic on the Oder River was in Schoenfeld (O 53/V 81). The control point was occupied by an officer and 12 EM of the WOP, who were quartered on a dwelling-boat moored on the eastern Oder River bank. The Polish guards wore greenish uniforms, service coats, shoes, wrapped leggings and square-topped caps. The control of large crews and their loadings was very strict in Schoenfeld.
4. No indications for the construction of fortifications were observed on the eastern bank of the Oder River in the sector of Fuerstenberg-Ratzdorf and upstream as far as Grossen (O 53/W 00).

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